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## Reading Guide Chapter 16- Coastal Erosion

1. Why should people who live near the coasts (like us) care about erosion?
2. What does it mean when we say that coastal erosion is “episodic” and “sporadic”?
3. Why is the Mississippi River Delta eroding so fast? How fast is it eroding?
4. Explain how each of the following man-made structures contributes to aggravating the rate of erosion:
  - a. Dams
  - b. Groins
  - c. Seawalls

d. Navigation Channels

e. Destruction of Coastal Vegetation

5. What can be done to limit or prevent erosion?

